

**City Neighborhood Council  
DRAFT MINUTES  
Monday, June 24, 2002**

Voting Members: Stephen Lundgren; Irene Wall; Mike Thompson (Northgate); Michael Richmond (Greater Duwamish); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Pete Spalding (Delridge); Dennis Ross (Southwest); Ann Donovan (East); Victor Barry (Queen Anne/Magnolia); Jeannie Hale (Northeast).

Absent:

Other District Council Members: Janis Maloney (East); Cindi Barker (Southwest) and Doug Lorentzen, Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair.

City Staff: Brent Crook and Glenn Harris (Dept. of Neighborhoods).

Kate Joncas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

**May Minutes** – were **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Guest Speaker – Nick Licata; Councilmember, City of Seattle –**

Councilmember Licata discussed neighborhood plan implementation. He will be convening trimester community gatherings to share information. The first gathering in March allowed for the newly appointed Director of the Dept. of Neighborhoods, Yvonne Sanchez to be introduced to plan stewards and other community members. There were over 40 attendees. The next gathering is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at the University Heights Community Center. The focus of the gathering will be a discussion on the city budget and the \$50 million budget gap.

Councilmember Licata spoke briefly about the impact of budget cuts on the Dept. of Neighborhoods. The councilmembers have not yet seen the Mayor's proposed budget, but they are expecting a department cut of 10% -15%. The Council has no idea whether the Matching Fund will receive any cuts.

Councilmember Licata also spoke to his concerns regarding funding public safety. He would like to see more patrol officers. He also expressed concern over the funding for the viaduct replacement, including concern that there is not enough money for many of the replacement options and the City's need to be clearer on exactly what the current damages are to the viaduct.

Kate asked about the status of plan implementation and its future. Licata suggested summaries of current projects in the plan implementation matrix would be helpful. Licata acknowledged that many of the neighborhood plans were becoming dated, but didn't think revisiting all of the plans was fiscally possible. He said the CNC should make recommendations to the council suggesting which two or three plans need the most updating.

Victor spoke about his concerns with athletic field lighting in the Queen Anne/Magnolia neighborhood. Licata was sympathetic, noting that he has pushed for increased lighting standards. He also recognized the significant influence of well-organized athletic groups.

Chris expressed concerns over definitions of lobbying as per the King County decision on legislation. Concerns focus on the definition of lobbying, whether it is paid work or volunteer work. Licata liked the King County legislation but noted the language concerns regarding volunteer time.

Stephen asked if Licata had yet received the implementation plan for the Ballard Civic Center that the Ballard District had sent to the Mayor and the Council (he said he had not yet reviewed this but would do so). Stephen also expressed interest in hearing when the Executive would make known the specifics for how the Department of Neighborhoods would perform their new mission of improving race and social equity and justice.

Licata closed by saying that we wanted to make the CNC stronger as a place to work out strategy and legislation for neighborhoods. He is open to working with the CNC on making the trimester gatherings a place to address neighborhood issues and ideas.

### **CNC Preparation of Budget Recommendations** – Kate Joncas

Kate explained that the CNC is developing a letter containing common budget priorities of all district councils for submission to the Mayor in August. Each district was asked to compile its list of priorities and submit them in a letter to the CNC.

The following comments regarding district priorities were received:

- Stephen Lundgren – Would like to see more local control of significant projects. He would like to see public safety, housing, and transportation prioritized in the budget.
- Mike Thompson – Northgate sees crime as a major concern. They also want to make sure funds are available for the library.
- Chris Lemon – Chris expressed the need for fireboat protection on Lake Union. Funding is needed for a pavement survey of non-arterial streets. Chris also wants to make sure the Neighborhood Matching Fund and the Neighborhood Street Fund continue at full funding.
- Pete Spalding– Pete suggested more affordable housing, including the successful redevelopment of High Point. Funds are also needed to fully staff the new police precinct.
- Dennis Ross – Funds are needed for emergency preparedness and safety. Also concerned over funding for transportation and parks.
- Irene Wall – Funds needed for parks, library, and the zoo.
- Ann Donovan – Funds for public safety, the homeless, plan implementation, and business support.
- Janis Maloney – Janis suggested that better coordination between city departments was needed.
- Victor Barry – Victor would like to see funds for the Neighborhood Matching Fund and Neighborhood Street Fund protected and additional support for parks.
- Jeannie Hale – Jeannie wants to see no budget cuts in the Elections and Ethics office.

### **Committee Reports and Operations**

1. **Neighborhood Planning Committee (NPC)** – Cindi Barker and Lisa Merki

Cindi reported that the committee is working to reach out more to stewards. The committee is currently working to interview at least one person who participated in each of the 38 neighborhood plans. Cindi also reported that the committee had met with Yvonne Sanchez; Director, DON.

Concerns were expressed regarding how to support neighborhoods that never developed neighborhood plans. Other concerns were raised about how to work with dysfunctional and/or non-existing stewardship groups. It was also recommended that the committee should work with all departments, not just DON. Committee members were thanked for their hard work.

2. **Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) Committee** –Doug Lorentzen

Doug explained his concern over the growing number of applications (the last cycle had 50+ applications) and the additional time burden this placed on CRT members. Doug also expressed the need to find representatives from every district to participate in the CRT.

3. **By-law Recommendations** –Kate Joncas

**Victor moved and Stephen seconded a motion to refer the by-law recommendations to the NMF committee for further language development. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Old Business –SPU Letter**

Kate offered to draft language for the letter and share it with the rest of the board for comment. Concerns were also raised regarding the City Light process for community input on surplus property plans. More neighborhood input was recommended. It was suggested that these concerns be included in the letter.

5. **New Business**

- It was recommended (again) that the CIRP minutes be available, in full, on the library web site.
- Jeannie asked to confirm that she had been officially voted on to the CNC.
- An updated contact list (including emails) of CNC members was requested (Secretary note: permissions for listing such names and emails on the CNC website have not all been received)
- **Chris moved and Stephen seconded a motion to write a letter to Sandy Brooks thanking her for her great work with the CNC. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Harris

Reviewed and edited by Stephen Lundgren, CNC Secretary 7/18/02